(ii)re— Situation that has arisen due to termination of several employees working in the Upper Krishna Project

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to the situation that has arisen due to termination of several employees working in the Upper Krishna Project, BheemarayanaGudi (Canal Zone), Gulbarga District.

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—Mr. Speaker Sir, I may please be permitted to make the following statement.—

Consequent on the closure of one Circle, five divisions and twenty-two Sub-Divisions in Irrigation (North) Zone with effect from 1-11-1980 several staff belonging to various categories were rendered surplus and out of them 56 Second Division Clerks have been given to Upper Krishna Project (Canal) Zone Bheemarayan gudi for absorption against the existing vacancies. To accomodate these 56 SDCs some temporary local candidates in the cadre of SDCs need to be terminated since preferance has to be given to these 56 SDCs who were borne in the regular establishment. The Chief Engineer. UKP (Canal) Bheemarayanagudi accordingly has taken action to terminate the services of junior most 27 local candidates in all under these unavoidable circumstances. The remaining local candidates however are still continued in service.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKER.—Sir, there are about 500 candidates who are working under this UKP (Canal) Zone. All these candidates are working for the last three to four years. These candidates were sponsored by the Employment Exchange and after due selection these candidates are working on a consolidated salary of Rs. 10 less than the pay that has been fixed. They are at the verge of crossing the prescribed age limit. Therefore, my only request to the Hon Chief Minister is, the candidates who are working for the last three to four years may please be retained and continue their services. They have got an apprehension that some of the candidates from Malprabha Project are going to be placed here. Therefore, these persons will not be in a position to get any service in future. The family members and those depending members of those about 500 candidates will be put to great loss and inconvenience. Under these circumstances, I request the Government to consider to retain them and continue their services in the best interest of the administration.

SRI C. M. ARMUGHAM.— Sir, It is observed that persons under workcharge establishment or local candidates are appointed at the discretion of the appointing authorities. The appointing authority

in this case would be the Chief Engineer; Whoever may be the Chief Engineer some four years back, he has appointed 500 local candidates whose names were sponsored by the Employment Exchange. But, surprisingly, the then wonderful Chief Engineer has not followed the reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Sir, out of 500 candidates, he should have appointed atleast 90 SCs/STs. He has appointed only 42 candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes. In America, the Negroes are last to be appointed at the time of prosperity and first to be kicked out during the time of adversity. Similarly, the SCs/STs are being treated in the UKP Project. Sir, most of these candidates have crossed their prescribed age limit. Most of them are married and are depending on this job only. If they are eliminated or retrenched or removed, they will not have an apportunity either to register themselves in the Employment Exchange nor they will have an apportunity to be interviewed by the Public Service Commission. The Hon. Chief Minister said in the statement that 27 local candidates in all have been terminated from service. It is not correct. I have got the figures. Among the terminated, 25 candidates belongs to other castes and 3 belongs to Scheduled Castes- inall 28. I appeal to the hon. Chief Minister to retain all those 500 candidates. The entire Public Works Department, fortunately, orunfortunately have not followed any reservation at all. I do not wishto repeat, what I have said before. In the Asst. Engineers Cadre and even in all categories, the Public Works Department has not followed the reservation. The wonderfull previous government or governments put together right from 1952 onwards, have not followed the reservation in the Public Works Department. It is the same plight in respect of Irrigation Department too. Why has it not been followed ? I was told that a person, who was anti-reservation, was PWD Minister for 17 long years. I urge the government to dug out the truth as to why this was not being followed. We have got 50,000 candidates of SCs/STs who have passed S.S.L.C.

Therefore Sir, I only appeal to the government, to the hon. Chief Minister not to disturb the local candidates working in the Upper Krishna Project. Usually, if there are non-scheduled castes candidates, their services will be regularised. If there are scheduled castes candidates, the authorities are much reluctant to regularise their services. Therefore, I also request the government to regularise the services of several employees working in the Upper Krishna Project. Sir, as I mentioned earlier, the person - appointing authority always appoints his own community man and his relatives. Therefore, I urge the government to kindly check up these workcharge establishments.

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I have got all the relevant records. I appeal to the Chief Minister to kindly allow these poor 42 Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe fellows and continue them as Clerks. I agree with regard to the appointment of 500 candidates subject to the condition that out of 500,90 must be Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates. Secondly kindly regularise these candidates as early as possible.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಸ್. ಅರಕೇರಿ.— ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಅಪ್ಪರ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ೫೦೦ ಜನರನ್ನು ಲೋಕಲ್ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್ಸ್ ಆಗಿ ಏನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಿರಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಮನೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವುದಾದರೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಳಿಗೆ ಜನ ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಸ್ಟ್ಸ್ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಫರ್ಸ್ಟ್ ಡಿವಿಷನ್ ಕ್ಲರ್ಕ್. ಸೆಕೆಂಡ್ ಡಿವಿಷನ್ ಕ್ಲರ್ಕ್ ಟೈಪಿಸರ್ಸ್, ಬ್ಲೂ ಪ್ರಿಂಟರ್ಸ್ ಸ್ಟೆನೋಗ್ರಾಫರ್ಸ್ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಕೂಡ ಆಗಿಂದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಜಿ.ಒ. ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಸ್ಟ್ಸ್ ಪೀಪಲ್ ಅವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು. ಅವರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಾಗ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದಿಂದ ತೆಗೆಯಬಾರದೆಂತಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಆದೇಶ ಇದೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬರೆಯೋಕಾದಂಥಾ ದರ ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆನ್ನುವ ಧೋರಣೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರನ್ನು ರೆಗ್ಯುಲರೈಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ವಯಸ್ಸಾದವರು, ಸರ್ವಿಸ್ ಆದವರೂ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. On humanitarian consideration as well as legal grounds their services should be regularised in the interest of justice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್.— ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್ ತೇಲ್ಕರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಆರ್ಮುಗಂರವರು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾನು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಇನ್ನು ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ, As he has stated, I do not know why the SC/ST people were not recruited there. I have just asked the cancerned officer to look into the matter and see that if SC/ST candidates are available, definitely that injustice should be rectified. It is a vital issue under the Constitution. I do not under-stand under what circumstances that Chief Engineer has not recruited the SC/ST candidates I would call the entire file and study the position. Regarding regularisation, we will examine the issue and see that they will not be in any way put to trouble. I can assure you that much.

(iii) *re : Strike by the Employees of Co-operative Societies in the State*

SRI H. GANGADHARAN.—I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the strike by the employees of the Co-operative Societies in the State.

SRI H. C. SRIKANTAIAH (Minister for Co-operation).—I wish to make the following statement :—

The grievances of the employees of the Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies have been examined and following steps have been taken.

(1) District Level Cadre Authorities have been constituted with the power of recruitment, training and disciplinary control of the Secretaries of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies.